



# City of Newberry Commission Meeting

March 09, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

25440 West Newberry Road  
Newberry, Florida 32669

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marlowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Marlowe added Opioid Task Force Update as Item 3 to Presentations.

**Motion made by Commissioner Marden to approve the amended agenda.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Norfleet.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

### QUORUM CHECK

Mayor	Jordan Marlowe
Commissioners	Ricky Coleman Rocky McKinley Monty Farnsworth Tim Marden Paul Norfleet
City Attorney	Rich Maltby
City Manager	Mike New
City Clerk	Judy Rice
Staff:	
Director of Parks and Recreation	Travis Parker
Director of Finance and Customer Service	Dallas Lee
Director of Planning and Economic Development	Bryan Thomas

### INVOCATION

Pastor Armon Lowery, Mt. Zura Full Gospel Baptist Church, provided the invocation.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Marlowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Champions Park Update

Director Parker introduced Mr. Richard Blalock, RADDSports.

Mr. Blalock presented a PowerPoint for this item.

Discussion ensued about 2019 events and the upcoming 2020 events.

### 2. Presentation of applications for two expiring Planning & Zoning/Historic Architectural Review Board seats

Director Thomas presented this item. There are 5 applicants to be considered for 2 expiring seats. Commission is to review these applications and vote at the next meeting on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 3. Opioid Task Force Update

Mayor Marlowe presented this item. The members of the Opioid Task Force introduced themselves and presented a PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued about upcoming events.

Commissioner Coleman pledged to donate \$300 to the Opioid Task Force.

### 4. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Director Lee presented a video regarding the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded to the City of Newberry's Finance & Administration Department for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. The Certificate is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the City. This is the City's first time receiving the prestigious award.

Mayor Marlowe presented the award to Director Lee.

### 5. Government Finance Professionals Week March 16-20, 2020

Director Lee presented this item.

Mayor Marlowe read proclamation.

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Marlowe reminded citizens of where they will be able to find material on the upcoming municipal election and important dates. He announced the candidates who have qualified as of Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

## CONSENT AGENDA

6. February 24, 2020, Commission Meeting Minutes
7. Power Cost Adjustment
8. Payment Register
9. Problem Gambling Awareness Proclamation
10. Census Awareness Month Proclamation
11. Florida Municipal Power Agency Liaison Report

Motion made by Commissioner Coleman to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Marden.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

##### **12. Budget Update**

Director Lee presented this item.

Discussion ensued about the budget. There is no budget amendment necessary at this time.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **13. Authorize Submission of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Application (Resolution 2020 - 10)**

Director Thomas presented this item.

Attorney Maltby read Resolution 2020-10 by title only.

Discussion ensued regarding the grant and Ag-tech Innovation Park.

Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to adopt Resolution 2020 – 10 authorizing staff to submit a USDA Agriculture Innovation Center Grant application for public funding in the Newberry Ag-tech Innovation Park.

Seconded by Commissioner McKinley.

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, and Commissioner Norfleet**

**Voting Nay Commissioner Marden**

**MOTION PASSED 4-1**

**14. Proposed Property Sale to City by Robert Wigglesworth**

Manager New presented this item. Mr. Wigglesworth is requesting \$3,950 for the two road segments he acquired in 2019.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion made by Commissioner Norfleet to authorize the City Manager to purchase properties offered for sale and execute all documents necessary to complete transaction.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**COMMENTS**

**City Manager**

Provided updates on City business.

**Commission**

Commissioner McKinley invited citizens to a *Meet and Greet* for Congressional Candidate Ryan Chamberlin at The Blend Coffee Shop on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Marden expressed his gratitude to Jonesville Baptist Church for opening its doors for Kelly Wyckoff's Memorial Service.

**Mayor**

Provided update on the new elementary school being built on Parker Road. The Alachua County School Board is seeking input on re-zoning for the new school. There will be three informational meetings held to allow for public input.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned @ 8:23 p.m.

Signed and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.

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Jordan Marlowe, Mayor

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Judy S. Rice, City Clerk

APPROVED